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Well done!

My one suggestion is that you say Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study in the first mention before you say the abbreviation.

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Marcia, Aron and Patti - Thanks to each of you for your willingness to assist in brainstorming and developing joint talking points specific to the Portland Harbor schedule. As a product, I would like to end up with a main message about the schedule with several supporting bullets that can be used by the senior managers and project staff. I met with Barbara Smith of the LWG briefly yesterday and she gave me the LWG suggested message (in bold below). I took a few minutes and worked up the text in green. Feel free to either start from scratch and offer alternative talking points or critique/edit either of these suggestions. I'd like to get some quick feedback from this smaller working group and refine some bullets we can share with a wider inter-governmental team before getting back to the LWG.

I will appreciate a quick response. Apologies for not starting this immediately after the milestones meeting.

EPA, DEQ, federal, state and tribal government partners and the Lower Willamette Group are working together to complete a thorough and high quality RI/FS that will enable us to clean up the Portland Harbor Superfund site as soon as possible.

- **It will be possible to estimate a specific time for completing the RI/FS after the Round 2 Comprehensive Report is reviewed in spring 2007.**
- **Portland Harbor is considered one of the largest and most complex Superfund sites in the United States and it is important to take the time needed to evaluate and characterize the site methodically and with care.**

The Portland Harbor Superfund Site is a very complex investigation and cleanup project. EPA, DEQ and its partners as well as the LWG remain committed to working together to move toward cleanup solutions as soon as possible.

- **EPA expects a Final Record of Decision at the site within the next few years. As the investigation proceeds, cleanup and source control work has been initiated as some locations within the Portland Harbor Area, with upland cleanups progressing at many sites and three Early Actions being conducted to address cleanup of certain contaminated areas in-water.**

It is difficult to talk about schedule without including some information on accomplishments, next steps and process. Here are some I thought were fairly key to supporting the schedule

messages, and eventually I think we should work up some talking points for each of these areas.

- After the RI/FS is complete, EPA will develop a proposed plan and after considering public comments a Record of Decision for a final cleanup plan will be issued.
- If we identify a site that poses a risk to human health and the environment that should be cleaned up without delay, we will take early action to remove the contamination.
- DEQ is proceeding aggressively with many upland cleanup actions to control sources of contamination to Willamette River sediment
- Most of the physical, biological and chemical information needed to complete the comprehensive evaluation of Portland Harbor has been collected over the past five years.

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